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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. We are extremely grateful to [REDACTED] and the Security Office for giving us an extraordinarily expeditious approval to employ three persons as drill masters in French, thereby permitting us to serve the FE strays whose need for French did not appear in time to participate in our scheduled intensive class. Also, this will permit us to return to FE earlier than planned the staff employee who generously was detailed here to help us get started.

2. Arrangements with the FSI have been completed for a special class in intensive Portuguese for four persons in WH. This was second choice to our preference to conduct the course ourselves which we desired to do because (1) in general, experience has demonstrated that our system produces a better course than other government schools, (2) we need to develop a course for future use, and (3) we desired to avoid impinging upon the time the FSI is giving [REDACTED] in individual training. This second choice was selected when more than a month's activity, involving contacts with around fifty persons, failed to locate a suitable person to serve as a native speaker drill master. 25X1A9a

3. The full-time French for strays whose needs and availability developed unseasonably (2 weeks after the scheduled course began) started on 4 November. The six "sure" students abruptly became four on opening day. Not more than one of these will complete the course. Decision to conduct it ourselves followed consideration of several alternatives. Initiation on this date was possible through arrangements made with a generous and cooperative FE/4 who is lending us a native speaker staff employee full-time for one week and half-time thereafter until we are able to employ the staff employees' wives.

4. The School's Area Advisory Committee is planning a two-day conference on area training designed for CIA. We intend to evaluate the activities of the past two years and to develop essential perspectives in relation to DDP needs to affect planning and programming for the future. In effect, in concentrated form and with direct voice from DDP, this is part of the Committee's continuing appraisal and reevaluation activity. All faculty with primary or collateral concern for area training will participate. Several senior DDP officers will be invited to participate in the two most important of five sessions. The conference will be held at [REDACTED] from 1800 hours, 10 December to 1200 hours, 12 December. In January, a similar meeting will be held with invited senior DDI and DDS officers. 25X1A6a

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5. The eighth Area Advisory Committee meeting for 1957, [redacted] presiding, discussed (1) the Area Training Conference in December at [redacted], (2) comparison of the values of the survey course and the seminar, (3) relative merits of running survey courses a full day, two days a week, or a half day, as at present.

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6. Opening date for the prospective BCS-France, has been advanced to 10 February, and will definitely run the full day, two days a week, for six weeks. This experimental schedule is approved by [redacted], Chief of the [redacted] in WE, who also has expressed his enthusiasm for the proposed course, stating that this has been a badly neglected aspect of his staff's training requirements. The revised schedule will permit [redacted] to nearly finish this course before he participates in the instruction of the prospective Integrated Language/Area Studies on France and Germany, which will run almost simultaneously March-June. [redacted] will assist in both planning and instruction on all three courses.

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7. [redacted] recently has taken soundings for interest in a Basic Country Survey-Hungary, and informally has received indications of about a dozen candidates. [redacted] of EE was especially interested and offered not only students (3-4) but one or two senior specialists as assistants to the chief instructor. With research [redacted] now is doing, our only apparent deficiency is a chief instructor. It is hoped that EE, so far unable to locate assignment for [redacted] may be convinced of the usefulness of detailing [redacted] to OTR for a reasonable period to permit him to conduct the course before taking whatever subsequent assignment may be found for him.

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8. LAS thinking on ways of assisting in removing Agency deficiencies in language competence will be conditioned somewhat, among other things, by the fact that the first ten thousand (10,000) man-languages reported on Form 444c include NOBODY with fully useable competence (comprehensive high) in the languages of the Turkic populations of Soviet and Chinese Central Asia (including seven SSRs), the Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia, Black Africa, and the China coast opposite Taiwan, and 16 of the 39 languages on the DTR's list of languages of which voluntary study is encouraged by the Language Development Program.

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9. [redacted] is adding to his basic Uzbek course a limited amount of area readings, discussions and films, taking advantage of the "captivity" of these language students to contribute an introduction to area knowledge of value in itself and as an aid to effectiveness in language instruction. In addition to the direct training that [redacted] course provides, a significant by-product for OTR will be development for future use of a suitable basic course and creation of a Uzbek Newspaper Reader with notes and vocabulary. [redacted] are collaborating on the former, and [redacted] is preparing the latter. These plus the results of extensive development of other materials by [redacted] are making the long-range benefits derived from this course appreciably beyond the immediate benefits of training several persons in Uzbek, and are possible because of the competent, versatile and scholarly qualities of both [redacted]

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10. In an effort to eliminate an annual waste of hundreds of hours and more hundreds of personal contacts to organize special language courses for students who just fade away, or for whom specifications are changed, after a course has been located or created, the School has designed a memorandum to be used to initiate development of arrangements for all non-scheduled language training. This will eliminate posing mere inquiries as bona fide requests and will require some careful thought about specifications before presentation of a requirement. The economy on wear-and-tear on persons who frequently make extraordinary efforts to service unseasonable and special requirements also will be significant.

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11. The intensive Polish class, now in its eighth month, is spending this week at [REDACTED] our lab technician whose knowledge of Polish we have exploited to make this course possible without specially employing a drill master. [REDACTED] has accompanied the group as a native speaker instructor.

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12. [REDACTED] RS-East Asia started Monday with 9 students, one from FE, ORR, ONE, OTR, and Logistics; 2 from OO; and 2 from the Army Map Service.

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